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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 as follows:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/506,135, filed February 17, 2000, which claims the priority benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/120,470, filed February 17, 1999, which is herein incorporated by reference.

Please replace the paragraph at page 6, line 21, to page 7, line 9, as follows:

When the tissue specimen 34 is placed in the tray in the base 26 and over the window 32 as shown in FIGS. 3 and 4, the specimen 34 is held down by the clamp mechanism 40. The clamp mechanism which is illustrated has hooked or barbed fingers which are hinged to the sidewalls 28 at spaced locations. The mechanisms include springs 42 which provide over center locks, such that when the fingers are pressed down beyond their axis of rotation, they are held down by the springs 42. Other clamping mechanisms may be used such as meshes or a membrane overlay or a permeable or perforated bag. Fiducial marks, which can be visualized or imaged, may be provided in the case of meshes or membranes. The use of a membrane or mesh may be preferable since the specimen 34 may be moved under the membrane. The membrane specimen tray or cassette is the subject matter of a companion application filed concurrently

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